



Members Present

Sandy Caviness	Irma Chavez-Rodriguez
Alicia de Jong Davis	William H. Wickline
Kaaren Kimball	Patricia Williams
Anne Langenfeld	
Mary S. Newton	
Julio Norman	

Members Absent

Amelia S. Clarke
Marcellus Fullmore
Armida H. Hernandez
Sofia Ordonez
Esther Perez

Staff

Norma Corona
Henry Drake
Lori Rodriguez
Gilbert Ramirez
Sandra Serrano

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order @ 10:06 a.m.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved.

Announcements/comments

Lori recognized Mrs. Newton for her time served as Vice Chairperson. Norma officially swore in Mrs. Langenfeld as the new Chairperson.

Unfinished business

Mr. Norman suggested starting right away for door prizes for next years banquet. Mrs. Langenfeld thought everything went well at banquet and was very happy with the food and service, she especially enjoyed going out and talking to the volunteers. Mr. Norman shared comments he received at banquet to avoid the long lines, to call volunteers in to the hall by seats. Norma commented that the ropes placed at the entrance of doors did not work out as planned and will not be used next year. She wants to go back to opening as many doors as possible and also having a PA system to get volunteers attention.

Norma shared with council that the Convention Center has already been booked for next year and the idea of a live group performing while everyone eats is being considered. Mr. Norman had an idea of showcasing volunteers with pictures of them working at their sites on the screen located on the stage and by also contacting the newspaper to spotlight volunteers at the banquet under the Faces and Places section. Mr. Wickline was disappointed with the lack of attendance from the City Rep's.

New business

Henry spoke about the upcoming Gift Giving Tree and the need for volunteers to work at the tree from November 23-December 18, shifts being from 9-12. Henry mentioned that the most hectic day to register tags is the day of the Lighting Ceremony and he would need at least 4-6 volunteers.

Lori shared a volunteer opportunity brought to her by the El Paso Affordable Housing for tax preparers and greeters. Volunteers will be trained in tax preparation and will be needed at locations all over the city. She also explained that a flyer would be sent out to current RSVP volunteers that would be interested; she encouraged council to share the word since it is a recruitment campaign.

Norma reminded council that the December advisory meeting would be held at the Lancers Club at 11am.

Suggestions for the good of the council

Mr. Norman shared with everyone that October 22 was the beginning of the Energy Saver Tax Credit where appliances purchased would get energy credits.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Next meeting

November 10, 2009